

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete list of the claims now pending; this listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

1. ~~(Currently Amended)~~ An image processing method, comprising the steps of:

deciding layout information for an image based on at least one frame being positioned at a user-desired position on an image preview window according to a user designation, wherein each frame indicates information of the position to lay out the image;

registering an editing set to an editing menu, the editing set including the decided layout information and a plurality of editing processes designated by a the user;

identifying an editing set selected from the editing menu;

displaying a plurality of images ~~inputted~~ input by image inputting means in the form of reduced-size images;

selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed images; and

performing the plurality of editing processes, ~~which correspond to the editing set identified by said identifying step,~~ on the at least one image selected by in said selecting step, wherein the selected image is positioned at a user-desired position based on the layout information, and the editing processes and the layout information correspond to the editing set identified in said identifying step.

2. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying the editing menu that includes a plurality of identifiers indicating each of the editing sets, and

wherein said identifying step ~~identifies~~ includes identifying the selected editing set by identifying an identifier selected from the editing menu.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the editing set includes image rotation.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the editing set includes image enlargement.

6. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the editing set includes image reduction.

7. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the editing set includes image brightness adjustment.

8. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ the editing set includes image contrast adjustment.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ editing set includes designation of an image aspect ratio.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein the editing set registered in said registering step is the plurality of editing processes designated by the user on ~~an~~ the image preview window.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ image inputting means is at least one of a scanner, a digital camera, a storage medium and a film scanner.

14.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ editing set includes an image selection condition,
and ~~wherein~~ said selecting step ~~selects~~ includes selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed images based on the image selection condition of the editing set identified by in said ~~identifying~~ identifying step.

~~18.~~ (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~
claim 17, wherein ~~said the~~ image selection condition is a condition based on the order of the
plurality of images displayed ~~by in~~ said display step.

19. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to ~~Claim~~
claim 17, wherein ~~said the~~ image selection condition is a condition based on magnetic
information of the image.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:
decision means for deciding layout information for an image based on
at least one frame being positioned at a user-desired position on an image preview window
according to a user designation, wherein each frame indicates information of the position to lay
out an image;

registration means for registering an editing set to an editing menu, the
editing set including the decided layout information and a plurality of editing processes
designated by a user;

identification means for identifying an editing set selected from the
editing menu;

display means for displaying a plurality of images ~~inputted~~ input by
image inputting means in the form of reduced-size images;

~~selection means for selecting at least one image from the plurality of~~
displayed images; and

~~performance means for performing the plurality of editing processes;~~
~~which correspond to the editing set by said identification means, on the at least one image~~
~~selected by said selection means, wherein the selected image is positioned at a user-desired~~
~~position based on the layout information, and the editing processes and the layout information~~
~~correspond to the editing set identified by said identification means.~~

B₁ 22. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to
Claim claim 21, further comprising menu display means for displaying the editing menu that
includes a plurality of identifiers indicating each of the editing sets, and
wherein said identification means identifies the selected editing set by
identifying an identifier selected from the editing menu.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to
Claim claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes image rotation.

25. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to
Claim claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes image enlargement.

~~26. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes image reduction.~~

27. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes image brightness adjustment.

28. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes image contrast adjustment.

29. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes designation of an image aspect ratio.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim claim 21, wherein the editing set registered in said ~~registering~~ registration means is the plurality of editing processes designated by the user on ~~an~~ the image preview window.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim claim 21, further comprising said image inputting means, and wherein said image

inputting means is at least one of a scanner, a digital camera, a storage medium and a film scanner.

34.-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to ~~Claim~~ claim 21, wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes an image selection condition, and wherein said selection means selects at least one image from the plurality of displayed imaged based on the image selection condition of the editing set identified by said identification means.

38. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to ~~Claim~~ claim 37, wherein ~~said~~ the image selection condition is a condition based on the order of the plurality of images displayed by said display means.

39. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to ~~Claim~~ claim 37, wherein ~~said~~ the image selection condition is a condition based on magnetic information of the image.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium on which a program is stored, said program ~~including~~ includes codes for executing the steps of:

deciding layout information for an image based on at least one frame being positioned at a user-desired position on an image preview window according to a user designation, wherein each frame indicates information of the position to lay out the image;

registering an editing set to an editing menu, the editing set including the decided layout information and a plurality of editing processes designated by a user;

identifying an editing set selected from the editing menu;

displaying a plurality of images ~~inputted~~ input by image inputting means in the form of reduced-size images;

selecting at least one image from the plurality of displayed images; and

performing the plurality of editing processes, ~~which correspond to the editing set identified by said identifying step,~~ on the at least one image selected by in said selecting step, wherein the selected image is positioned at a user-desired position based on the layout information, and the editing processes and the layout information correspond to the editing set identified in said identifying step.

42. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to ~~Claim~~ claim 41, wherein said program further includes codes for executing the step of displaying the editing menu that includes a plurality of identifiers indicating each of the editing sets, and

wherein said identifying step ~~identifies~~ includes identifying the selected editing set by identifying an identifier selected from the editing menu.

43. and 44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to ~~Claim~~ claim 41,
wherein the editing set registered in said registering step is the plurality of editing processes
designated by the user on ~~an~~ the image preview window.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to ~~Claim~~ claim 41,
wherein ~~said~~ the editing set includes an image selection condition, and
wherein said selecting step ~~selects~~ includes selecting at least one image
from the plurality of displayed images based on the image selection condition of the editing set
identified by in said identifying step.

48. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to ~~Claim~~ claim 47,
wherein ~~said~~ the image selection condition is a condition based on the order of the plurality of
images displayed by in said display-step.